



Weekly News & Updates

Legislative Session: **Day 96 of 120**
Sunday, April 19, 2026



Colorado's Budget Crisis Was Not an Accident. It Was a Warning Ignored.

Colorado just cut newer programs to close a 1.2 billion dollar budget gap. That did not happen suddenly. It was warned about for years.



Max's 2026 Session Bill Status

Bill No. 1 - HB26-1061
Community Integration
Housing Tax
- Postponed Indefinitely

Bill No. 2 - HB26-1021
Second Amendment
Protection Act
- Postponed Indefinitely
(Party-Line Vote in Committee)

Bill No. 3 - HB26-1098
Public Trustee Act
Foreclosure Procedures
- House Considered Senate
Amendments: Concur - Repass

Republican lawmakers raised concerns about long term spending commitments. They were ignored. Now the state is cutting workforce pipelines, mitigation efforts, and emerging priorities to stabilize finances.

At the same time, major technology leaders are warning Colorado's business climate is weakening. Some companies are already leaving.

This article explains what went wrong, why it was predictable, and why it matters to your family, your community, and Colorado's future.

Read it now to understand what is really happening at the State Capitol.

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The decisions being made at the Capitol and here at home affect your taxes, your rights, your family, and your future. You deserve direct access to the facts, the votes, and the reasoning behind them.

Follow Rep. Max Brooks on social media to:

- Get real-time updates from the Capitol.
- Watch committee testimony and floor debate highlights.
- See how he votes and why.
- Learn how legislation impacts Douglas County and Castle Rock.
- Engage directly with your Representative.

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[Bill No. 4 - SB26-098](#)

**State & Local Noise
Abatement Authority**
- Postponed Indefinitely

[Bill No. 5 - HB26-1254](#)

Audit Enforcement
- Postponed Indefinitely

[Bill No. 6 - HB26-1287](#)

**Sunset Division of Real
Estate**
*- Referred Unamended to House
Committee of the Whole*

Max's Co- Sponsored Bills

[HB26-1042 - Dry Needling by
Occupational Therapists](#)
- Signed by Governor into Law

[HB26-1031 - Protections for
Agricultural Products Grown
in Colorado](#)
- Sent to the Governor's Desk

[HB26-1024 - Raising Age of
Voluntary Relinquishment of
Child](#)
- Signed by Speaker of the House

[HB26-1023 - Political Party
Liability for Accessibility
Requirements](#)
- Sent to the Governor's Desk

[HB26-1078 - Local
Government Approval of
Transmission Infrastructure](#)
- Postponed Indefinitely

[HB26-1079 - Drive Motorcycle
Written Permission](#)
*- Senate Third Reading Passed -
No Amendments*

[HB26-1257 - Local Regulation
of Massage Facilities](#)
*- House Considered and
Concurred with Senate
Amendments - Repass*

stays part of the conversation.



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HB26-1191 - Examination of School District Records

- *Signed by Governor into Law*

HB26-1090 - Teacher Licensing Requirements

- *Signed by Speaker of the House*

HB26-1031 - Protections for Agricultural Products Grown in Colorado

- *Signed by Governor into Law*

HB26-1009 - Colorado Mandatory Lethality Assessment Act

- *Senate Committee on Judiciary Refer Unamended to Appropriations*

HB26-1339 - Change Cesar Chavez Day to Farm Workers Day

- *Signed by President of the Senate*

HB26-1092 - Licensed Midwife Public Health Facilities Privileges

- *Postponed Indefinitely*

HB26-1278 - Local Government Approval of Transmission Infrastructure

- *Postponed Indefinitely*

SB26-134 - Payment Card Networks' Fees

- *Senate Second Reading Laid Over to 4/20/2026 Unamended*

SB26-121 - Overtime Threshold for Agricultural Employees

- *Senate Considered House Amendments: Result was to Pass*

Tidbits



Colorado Lawmakers Cut Newer Programs to Close \$1.2 Billion Budget Shortfall

Colorado lawmakers just cut newer state programs to close a budget gap exceeding 1.2 billion dollars. That decision affects education pipelines, wildfire mitigation efforts, and workforce initiatives across the state.

This shortfall did not appear overnight. It reflects years of expanding commitments faster than revenue growth could support them. Now the consequences are reaching communities across Colorado, including Douglas County.

This article explains what was cut, why the gap exists, and what it signals about the state's financial direction moving forward.

Read it to understand what is happening inside the state budget and why it matters to you.

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Governor Polis Signs Red Flag Law Expansion

Governor Polis just signed a major expansion of Colorado's red flag law. The new policy allows additional institutional actors to petition courts to remove a person's access to firearms before any crime is committed.

Rep. Max Brooks believes this expansion violates core constitutional protections. It weakens due process. It shifts power away from citizens and toward institutions. It places fundamental rights at risk based on accusations rather than convictions.

Colorado families deserve safety. They also deserve the full protection of the Constitution.

Read this article to understand what changed, why it matters, and why Rep. Brooks is raising serious concerns about the legality of this new law.

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Douglas County Adopts Child Care Property Tax Incentive Program to Expand Access and Support Providers

Douglas County has introduced a new property tax incentive program aimed at improving access to child care and supporting local providers. Approved by county commissioners in April 2026, the program offers significant tax rebates to licensed child care businesses, allowing them to reinvest in staffing, facilities, and educational resources.

Eligible providers can receive a rebate covering up to 75% of the county portion of their property taxes, with an additional incentive for those who serve infants and toddlers - groups facing the greatest shortage of care.

The initiative was created in response to a major gap in child care availability, as current capacity in the county meets only a small fraction of demand, especially for younger children. Officials say the program is designed not only to expand the number of available child care spots but also to help existing providers stay financially stable and retain staff.

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